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Claim 12 was amended to recite a feature of Claim 26 ("shot peening").

Claim 28 was amended to recite a feature of Claim 27 ("shot peeing").

Claims 26 and 27 were cancelled.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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